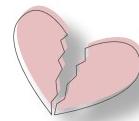




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## Campus Dining

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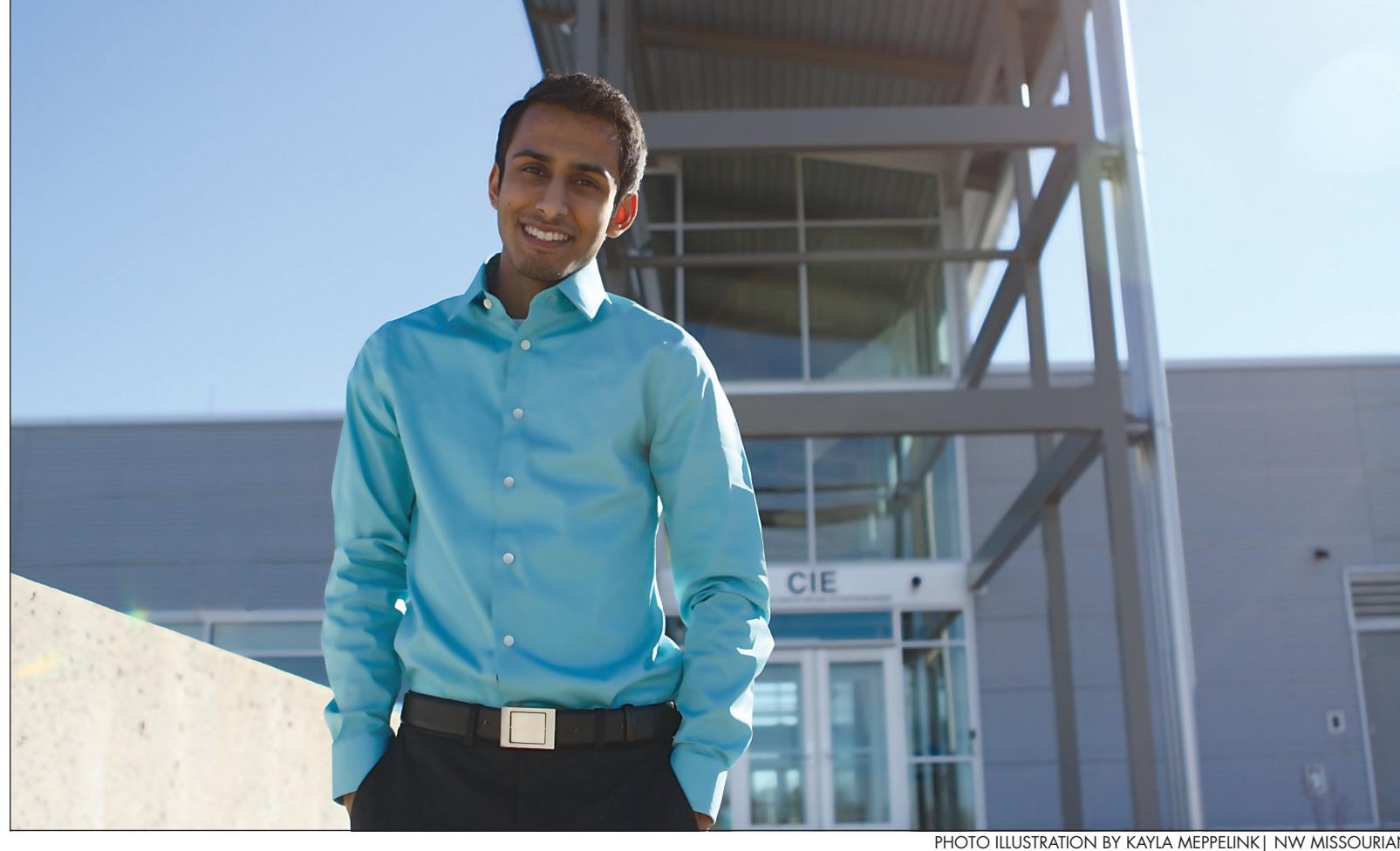


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Aakash Patel, Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing graduate and Northwest student, is the newest tenant at the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Patel is the CEO of BlurPort LLC, which is developing a new-age, secure USB device that establishes a wireless connection to smart phones.

## Passion for technology pays off for student

**TREY WILLIAMS**  
Editor-in-Chief | [@trey3williams](#)

Aakash Patel is a nerd.

Patel does not necessarily portray "nerd." He is a good-looking guy, well dressed, has a girlfriend and is social, but he will tell you he is a

nerd, and he is proud of it.

If there is still uncertainty, just listen to him talk about technology.

At just 18 years old, Patel is a college junior from Clinton. He graduated from the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing last spring and is studying chem-

istry here, but that is not what is impressive—there are plenty of high school kids who attend and graduate from the Academy.

Patel, however, is CEO of BlurPort LLC and creator of the technology it provides.

BlurPort is a new-age secure

USB that works with Android and iPhone smart phones to reimagine user verification.

To see Patel's prototype for BlurPort, head online to [bit.ly/BlurPort](http://bit.ly/BlurPort)

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## Outdoor Channel features Maryville native

**JOSHUA PHILLIPS**  
Chief Reporter | [@NWphilly](#)

A Maryville resident has made a name for himself on the Outdoor Channel and with the Kansas City Police Department.

Sgt. D.J. Merrill has served with the Kansas City Police Department since December 2002 as a member of the street narcotics unit tactical S.W.A.T. team. And now he has made it to TV on "Elite Tactical Unit S.W.A.T.," which lets viewers see S.W.A.T. officers going on realistic missions to show the audience a day in the line of duty.

"(S.W.A.T.) takes a lot of hard work, focus and dedication to always do the right thing and just try-



COURTESY OF OUTDOOR CHANNEL  
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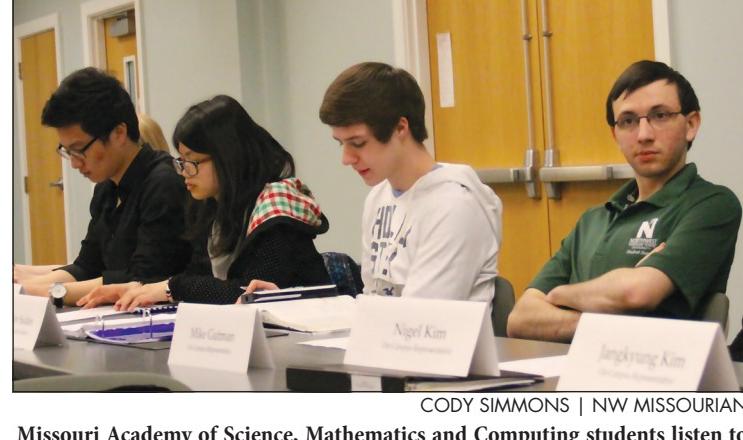
ing to be your best in everything," D.J. said. "We have over 1,400 officers in our department, and only 14 of them are in the street narcotics tactical team. That is where a lot of

people want to get to."

Attributes such as a good work ethic, dedication and a competitive nature have always been a part of who D.J. is, said Dannen Merrill, his younger brother. Throughout D.J.'s life, he has shown his competitive nature in various sports and other competitions.

"D.J. is a competitor. That is the best characteristic to describe him; not a fierce, gets mad competitor, but he enjoys making competitions out of the little things," Dannen said. "What I admire most about D.J. is what he has accomplished so far in his career and what he has done. He has done a lot in his short time (in

SEE **S.W.A.T.** | A5



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN  
Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing students listen to an appropriations request at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

## Academy students upset over Student Senate bill

**THOMAS DRESSLAR**  
Chief Reporter | [@TheMissourian](#)

Northwest Student Senate recently voted to limit the seats that Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing students can hold.

The bill passed in the Senate with a two-thirds majority and consisted of two parts. One part amended the Senate bylaws to ensure that voting representatives accurately reflect their constituencies. That ensures there cannot be a disproportionate amount of Academy students in the Senate compared to traditional fresh-

men. The second part of the bill created a separate seat for Academy students.

"It came down to representation in the freshman class...There are about 150 Academy students represented by three freshman members on the Senate and only one traditional freshman representing over 1,400 traditional students in his class," said Ashton Rafferty, co-sponsor of the amendment.

After the election last fall, Academy students took three of

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## Students fill void after herdsman resigns

**TORI BAIGI**  
Chief Reporter | [@toribaigi](#)

When an employee resignation put the University in a bind, students came to the rescue.

The Northwest advanced livestock class assumed the job responsibilities of the R.T. Wright Farm's beef herdsman.

The former beef herdsman, Sam Rucker, resigned Jan. 7.

The students spend two-thirds of their class time on the farm performing duties in the beef unit such as conducting daily feeding chores, checking cows for calving, giving vaccinations and performing general health routines.

"It's pretty enjoyable," senior Dan Smith said. "It's nice to be outside instead of in the classroom all of the time and to get some hands-on experience."

University Farm Manager Jim Husz said the department temporarily filled the position with students to provide a "unique opportunity to learn" and create a "win-win" situation.

"They get some real-world experience, and we get help to fill in for a void we have," Husz said.

The situation has its minor kinks. Students occasionally do not operate as effectively as a specialist.

"Where the students fall behind



TYLER SHAW | NW MISSOURIAN  
Northwest students Kim Huwaldt and Bailey Marriot make their daily rounds at the University farm by feeding the livestock.

in efficiency would be experience and knowledge," Husz said. "Just knowing what to do in certain situations, but that's the learning part of the environment."

The temporary fix is somewhat disposed to mistakes. No students showed up to feed the cows one morning due to a schedule misinterpretation.

"We learned from that, and we moved on," Husz said. "Nothing was harmed. We made it work. That's the only problem we've had so far."

Although the system works well during the semesters, Husz said finding enough help between semesters will pose a problem. The temporary system also takes time from Husz's busy schedule as he must oversee the students' work.

"It works well for getting by, but it is not a permanent fix," Smith said.

The farm plans to rehire. The department began reviewing several applications this week for a replacement.

## University receives additional funds as budget cuts' anniversary arrives

**THOMAS DRESSLAR**  
Chief Reporter | [@TheMissourian](#)

After losing 20 faculty and staff members and an entire academic department to budget cuts last spring, Northwest could receive more funding from the state.

Northwest will receive almost \$300,000 in additional funds after Gov. Jay Nixon made \$8.4 million available for higher education institutions in Missouri.

Due to an 18.4 percent rise in general revenue last year, Nixon was able to release funds that were previously withheld from Northwest due to last year's budget cuts.

"Last year when we received

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## ASH WEDNESDAY



AMY WAHLGREN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Kara Bramhall prays in the chapel at the Newman Catholic Center on College Avenue for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent.

## University hosts unique dance group

## BRANDON ZENNER

Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

The world's first dance company dedicated to stepping, Step Afrika!, will soon come to Northwest in celebration of Black History Month.

The group will perform at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18. The performance is co-sponsored by the Office of Campus Activities and the Student Activities Council.

Stepping is a dance using the body as an instrument through footsteps, claps and spoken word. The dance is rooted deep in African cul-

ture.

"It's very high energy," said Angel McAdams Prescott, director of campus activities. "It's a different look at dance, and it gives our audience another cultural perspective."

Step Afrika!, founded in December 1994, serves as a cultural ambassador based in Washington, D.C.. The performance is part of the group's annual 50-city tour through various college campuses and theaters. The company has performed all over the world, including North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. The company has also had the honor of performing

at the White House and the Lincoln Center in New York City.

The dance company has different programs its teachers emphasize to show the ties between stepping, discipline, commitment and teamwork. The group offers shows, scholarships and summer camps.

Tickets are free for students and are available to the public at prices starting at \$13 for children and \$23 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Missouri Academy Shuttle Weekend

Music performance scholarship auditions  
Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

Northwest Fitness Center—Heart Health Challenge  
Lamkin Activity Center

Tower King and Queen Nominations

## Friday, April 6

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

Deadline to Submit Undergraduate Library Research Paper for Award

8 a.m. on Library Web Site

Homecoming Co-Chair and Committee Applications

8 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union

Room Selection 2013-14: Accepted New FVA Residents Select Apartment

8 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union

Tower King and Queen Nominations

Softball at Ark-Monticello

6 p.m. at Bentonville, Ark.

## Saturday, April 7

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FAFSA Frenzy

2 p.m. at Colden Hall

Benefit Chili Supper

4:30 p.m. at First Christian Church

Mass

7 p.m. at Newman Catholic Center

# Contest encourages students to recycle

## TORI BAIGI

Chief Reporter | @toribaigi

Students can get involved in reducing their paw prints while competing against schools across the nation to give Northwest a reputable name in the world of recycling.

RecycleMania is a nation-wide event where college and university recycling programs compete for two weeks to see who recycles the most per capita in specific categories.

Sustainability Coordinator John Viau said RecycleMania is an event that will encourage students to "help keep America beautiful."

Northwest competes in three areas for RecycleMania: organics, bottles and cans and diversion rate of trash, how much waste the University diverts from disposal overall.

The Sustainability Office will use RecycleMania to bring more student

awareness to recycling. Landscape Zone Supervisor Travis Stokes said they plan to post information in the J.W. Jones Student Union on how much the University recycles.

"I hope it will help faculty, staff and students to recycle even more, to see that their efforts are being recognized," Stokes said.

The overall recycle rate for Northwest is 32 percent. Chris Redden, hardscape and recycling supervisor, said he wants to see the University reach 45 percent by the end of 2014. RecycleMania could help the University reach this goal.

"I would say the overall purpose of RecycleMania is to increase student awareness of seeing what can be recycled and, really, the value of recycling," Redden said.

In 2011 the University won the competition's community recycling award.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Step Afrika! will perform at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts Monday Feb. 18 to celebrate Black History Month.

## Technology changes traditional learning

### LAUREN MCCOY

Chief Reporter | @mccoy014

It happens every morning: students hitting snooze as many times as possible before rolling out of bed and rushing to class without realizing there might be an alternative.

By the second or third week of college, students might be wishing they could skip the 'out of bed' part. Online classes could be the solution. Before trading the chalkboard for the keyboard, though, students should consider both sides.

Online classes boast the advantage of "going to class" in your pajamas, but they have other convenience factors as well.

"I like that I can do my homework on my own time," senior Jenifer Shields said. "My teacher is really good about answering emails and grading assignments; he gets back to us really fast."

Traditional classes can be difficult to fit into schedules, and online classes provide more flexibility.

"I like them especially during the summer," senior Megan Peck said. "Then you can catch up or get ahead on the hours you need."

Peck was also able to take the general education class, fundamentals of oral communication, in a more comfortable setting.

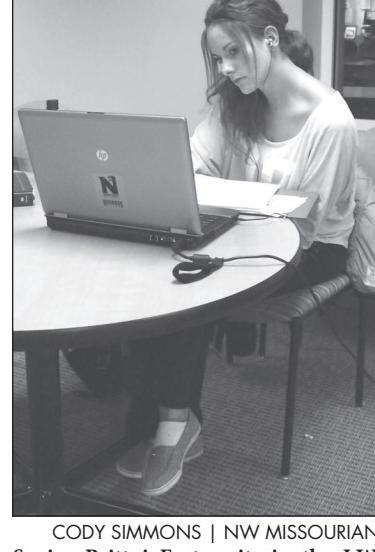
"I didn't want to take it," Peck said. "I was able to record myself speaking in front of five people, and it was so much better and more convenient. I liked that option way better than having to get up in front of 40 people and talk."

In a technologically-savvy generation, online learning is not only convenient but has been shown to be more effective than face-to-face learning in some cases.

The downside to not actually going to class, though, is not actually going to class. Some students learn better with a screen, but others still need someone to see and speak to.

"I like traditional classes because of the interaction with people," Peck said. "The teachers are more than willing to help you take the extra step when they're seeing you on a day-to-day basis."

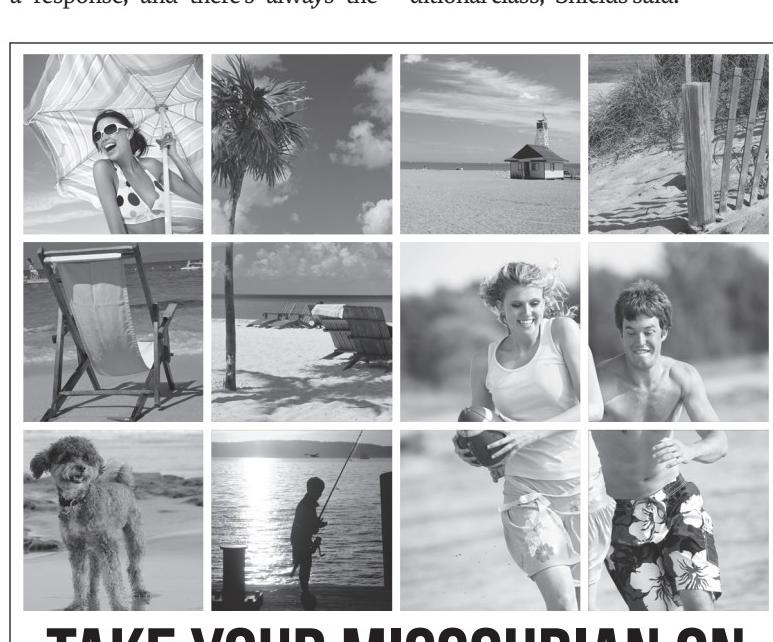
Online learning also includes a self-discipline and honesty factor that traditional classes do not. "If I have a question, I have to wait to get a response, and there's always the



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Brittni Foster sits in the J.W. Jones Student Union and reviews her online classes. For many students, online classes have been more effective than traditional classes.

chance of cheating when taking an online class, more so than with a traditional class," Shields said.



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LAUREN RICHARDSON | NW MISSOURIAN

The country will see less U.S. Postal Service vehicles on Saturdays due to financial crisis. The transition to the new five-day delivery schedule begins Aug. 5.

## Saturday mail delivery ending

**LAUREN MCCOY**  
Chief Reporter | @mccoy014

Vernon Dursley of number four Privet Drive would be happy to hear that there is no post on Sunday...nor Saturday.

Due to financial crisis, the U.S. Postal Service announced Feb. 6 it will transition to a new delivery schedule beginning Aug. 5.

"It's pretty simple," said Dave Partenheimer, Postal Service media relations manager. "The only thing that's changing is that there will be no mail delivery on Saturday while there will still be package delivery."

The Postal Service is making this change due to financial duress it's faced in past years. The Postal Service expects to save \$2 billion

annually by changing to a five-day schedule.

"The Postal Service is advancing an important new approach to delivery that reflects the strong growth of our package business and responds to the financial realities resulting from America's changing mailing habits," said Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General and CEO, in a news release.

The option to stop mail delivery on Saturday has been discussed for several years, Partenheimer said, and announcing it now will give businesses a chance to readjust.

"One of the reasons we chose Saturday is because it had the lowest volume of mail, but it's also the day many businesses are closed," Partenheimer said. "Saturday

worked out much better than if we chose a weekday."

The Postal Service has been in financial crisis for many years due to the decline of first-class mail.

"First-class mail is our most profitable service, but the problem is because of what we call electronic diversion," Partenheimer said. "It has really cut into our first-class mail volume, so it has hurt us on that side of business."

On the other hand, Partenheimer explained technology has diminished the use of mail, but the delivery of packages has shown "double-digit growth."

"On the shipping side, people order online... they need a delivery company to get them the product, and we're one of the main delivery companies," Partenheimer said.

## Nodaway County sees increase in tax revenue

**JOSHUA PHILLIPS**  
Chief Reporter | @NWJphilly

Revenues generated from two sales taxes for Nodaway County increased on the state level in 2012.

The revenue generated from gas and vehicle sales tax in Nodaway County increased from last year. \$65,054.65 in tax revenues was collected in December 2012 alone.

These tax revenues will be used for funding various projects throughout the county, which have yet to be determined.

"The increase in tax revenue is a real positive for Nodaway County," economic developer Lee Langerock said. "Those increases in tax revenues for the county is more (Missouri) can invest in the community and can provide to the citizens of the community."

Langerock says the increase in tax revenues was caused by Nodaway County residents purchasing gas and vehicles in Nodaway County instead of another county. The county's total vehicle sales tax revenue in 2012 was \$278,332.45, which was almost a \$27,000 increase from 2011.

The total tax revenue generated in 2012 for gas sales was \$783,857.75, which is a nearly a \$6,800 increase from 2011 to 2012.

"Our (tax) revenues are based on spending, so the more residents spend, the more money (Nodaway County has)," Nodaway County Clerk Beth Walker said.

Walker said there were not any tax rates increased in 2012 that helped generate more tax revenue for the county and the revenue was based solely on

"If we follow the trend of this past year, then we will see an increase in tax revenue."

Lee Langerock

Nodaway County residents buying from within the county.

She also said there would not be a tax increase of any kind unless it was put to a vote.

"The gas tax is just dependent upon how much is utilized, and that has stayed the same all the way through the year," Langerock said. "If you are going to buy your cars here locally in the community then that could affect that increase in sales. Car prices could also affect the increase in sales."

The average vehicle sales tax revenue for 2012 was \$23,194.37 per month, which increased from the 2011 average per month of \$20,946.89.

The average gas sales tax revenue for 2012 was \$65,321.48, which increased from the 2011 average per month of \$64,757.14.

"If we follow the trend of this past year, then we will see an increase in tax revenue. This really affects the economy if people choose to shop outside of our community," Langerock said.

The primary message that Langerock and Walker stress is for Nodaway County residents to purchase items in the county and city to help benefit the economy of the community.

## Electric companies hope raising rates will repair state infrastructure

**THOMAS DRESSLER**  
Chief Reporter | @Tom.Dressler

Maryville residents may see their electric bills go up in the near future if the state legislature passes a bill allowing power companies to raise rates.

Senate Bill 207 would allow Kansas City Power & Light and other power companies across the state to raise electric rates by an average of 60 cents per residential customer.

Normally, for an electric company to raise rates on its customers, it must get approval from the Public Service Commission. This bill would bypass that requirement.

This is the same sort of rate recovery that gas and water companies have had for 10 years, and there haven't been any negative consequences, so we think it's time to apply it to the electric industry," KCP&L spokesman Paul Snider

said.

The money gathered from customers would go directly toward repairing the state's aging electric infrastructure.

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, America's infrastructure needs \$1.6 trillion in repairs over a five-year period if the country wants to keep up with its citizens' growing power needs.

Missouri has lagged behind

other states as of late when it comes to infrastructure investments, and supporters of the bill say it will attract high-tech manufacturers to the state.

Power companies in Missouri say this gradual, minor rate hike is an alternative to an inevitable major rate hike if the state's infrastructure problems are not addressed.

Raising our rates a small amount over time would avoid huge

rate increases that no one is fond of," Snider said.

Opponents of the bill say it removes customer protections and may result in power companies to building more than necessary and overcharging customers.

If passed, investor-owned power companies in Missouri could only raise rates by 10 percent over a three-year period.

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## A MINUTE WITH MIKE: Missouri House tackling voter ID laws

### MIKE THOMPSON

1st District State Representative

Last week the Missouri House gave approval to a bill to reinstate several tax credit programs that encourage donations to charitable organizations. Commonly referred to as benevolent tax credits, these programs offer a tax break to individuals who donate money to organizations such as food pantries and pregnancy resource centers.

Some of the credits expired last year, and the result has been a potential funding crisis for these nonprofits. Putting the benevolent credits back in place will rectify this and allow them to continue to serve where there is a need. The total cost to our state will be approximately \$2.9 million each year in forgone tax revenue, but the benefits this investment will produce for countless Missourians will be priceless.

The House Elections Committee met last week to approve two pieces of legislation meant to en-

sure voter fraud doesn't occur in Missouri. One piece of legislation is a constitutional amendment that would allow Missourians to decide whether voters should have to show a form of photo identification at the polling place. The second bill would put a voter ID system in place in the event voters approve the change to our state constitution.

This is an issue the legislature has considered in recent years. The legislature and the governor actually put a voter identification requirement into law in 2006, but the Missouri Supreme Court ultimately struck it down.

In 2011, the General Assembly approved a constitutional amendment to let voters decide on the issue, but it was kept off the ballot by a court decision last year. This year, we hope to allow Missourians to decide once and for all. The goal of this legislation is not to disenfranchise voters, but instead, to make sure every vote counts and every vote is cast by registered voters.

Also last week, the Joint Committee on Education unveiled the plan for a new funding model that determines the amount of state support for all of our public higher education institutions. Last year we passed a bill that would require the Joint Committee on Education to develop a model for funding public higher education institutions by Dec. 31, 2013.

The way our funding process operates is by allocating money to schools based largely on what they've received in the past and what the state has available. There is a continual argument about equity funding for our schools, and the percentage raises or cuts we have seen for years simply increases the disparity.

If you have questions, you may reach me at my Capitol number 573-751-9465, at the local district number, 660-582-4014, by email at mike.thomson@house.mo.gov or by mail at Room 401B State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

### CAMPUS TALK

#### How do you feel about Senate's plans to make a single Academy position?



"It is a good idea because the rest of the student body should be as represented as the Academy students are."

**Alexandra Melo-mora**  
Freshman  
Undecided



"It is a good idea because a lot of them will only be here a few years, and they do not have as much time to commit to it and they may not take it seriously."

**Annie Murray**  
Freshman  
Elementary Education



"It is an accurate representation in proportion to the amount of students on campus compared to the number of Academy kids."

**Evette Massey**  
Junior  
Journalism



"It is a good choice because it gives a more accurate view of the campus if they aren't as well represented because they do not make up as much of the student body."

**Jared Ludwig**  
Senior  
Social Science Education



"It is good because they are voting on the one representative to represent them as a whole."

**Sondrah Oribhabor**  
Sophomore  
Biology/Psychology



LAUREN RICHARDSON | NW MISSOURIAN

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## Post office changes are necessary evil



**CODY UHING**

Opinion Editor

to be. It does not get any revenue from taxpayers. The proposed plan to suspend Saturday delivery will save the Postal Service around \$2 billion, a far stretch from the \$15.9 billion in losses last year.

We are faced with a failing business trying to stay alive in an updated world. The move makes more and more sense if they are serious about cutting costs. The need for overhaul is great, and if it is accomplished, it will give the Postal Service a few more years. Anything we do with legislation will simply be a Band-Aid on a major problem.

The agency has been trying to cut costs for years by cutting hours, closing post offices and cutting staff, but that is not enough. The end of Saturday delivery would offer substantial cost savings to overcome the Postal Service's two biggest reasons for losing money, according to the agency.

The Postal Service pays for health benefits to future retirees, something no other government agency is required to do. The second is the 37 percent decline in the volume of first-class mail since 2007.

The Postal Service has faced criticism from both sides as it plans to move against a Congress that imposed a six-day delivery mandate in 1981. In our ever-changing, technology-centered world, we need to look at the sustainability of the Postal Service and the practicality of a six-day delivery system.

The move to a five-day delivery system is going to be more and more appealing as the Postal Service faces larger and larger deficits. It would be an extremely easy cost-cutting tool that would do the least damage to the people. Post offices would remain open, mail would be delivered to post office boxes and packages would still be delivered. It is just one less day to get junk mail from the local car dealership.

One of the reasons for the money loss is the \$5.5 billion a year

## Boy scouts correct in inclusion of gays



**THOMAS DRESSLER**

Chief Reporter

young life believing the supposed brotherhood and comradery of the Boy Scouts and even earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Unfortunately for Jones, he failed to uphold his "duty to God" by committing a sin punishable by death, according to the Bible (Leviticus 18:21).

The Boy Scouts seem to agree with many fundamentalist Christians in that the Bible condemns homosexuality; therefore, it should not allow gays into its organization.

Even an organization as conservative as the Boy Scouts has noticed that the world is changing, and if they do not change with it, there may be consequences.

The main consequence the organization is noticing is the many corporations that have backed them over the years have been forced to withdraw their support because the Boy Scouts has taken a position on homosexuality that is unpopular with the rest of the country and most of the developed world.

This debate kicked off last year when Eric Jones, a Missouri Eagle Scout, was kicked off his position as a summer camp counselor for revealing that he was gay. He had been working at the camp for nearly five years.

Jones spent a majority of his

Lord's disdain for people with tattoos, and Deuteronomy 22:5 forbids illegitimate children from entering the assembly of the Lord.

If the Boy Scouts claims to stick to biblical values, where are the droves of people calling for tattooed children or illegitimate children to be ousted from the Scouts? This is a textbook example of picking and choosing what parts of the Bible to follow.

If the Boy Scouts wants to continue to grow as a morally rich organization, it must end this discrimination policy and focus on upholding ideals that make a Scout honorable.

### OUR VIEW:

## Academy influence should be reduced

Every person in the U.S. is represented in our federal government. Every state is afforded two senators and, depending on population, anywhere from one to 53 representatives in Congress. The same goes for students on campus.

The Student Senate at Northwest is comprised of 29 voting members who represent the entire student body. The breakdown is four representatives from each class of students, five for on-campus students, five for off-campus students, a non-traditional representative, and now a single representative for the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing students and graduate students.

Before Feb. 5, Academy students had the possibility to run for up to 13 positions. That allowed overrepresented Academy students and left traditional freshmen, sophomores and other on-campus students without proper representation.

The Senate voted Feb. 5 to recreate the Missouri Academy position and to ban Academy students from running for any other position within Senate. It is a smart move by the Senate to ensure that everyone is properly represented.

Two years ago, the Senate decided to get rid of the Missouri Academy position within the voting members.

This opened up three possible positions for Academy students to run for: freshman, sophomore and on-campus. In the 90th Student Senate, the Academy representatives hold three of the four freshman spots, one sophomore spot and two on-campus spots. Less than 200 students are being represented by seven people.

Academy students do not have the same ability to represent traditional students as traditional students do. There are certain restrictions on Academy students that keep them from having a connection with people outside their institution. This creates a problem when we only have one traditional freshman to represent 1,200 traditional students.

Senate created the position to ensure traditional students have proper representation within the governing body that votes on student fees and organization recognition and appropriation. Whether students know it or not, a large amount of power is invested in the group of students.

Despite protests from Academy representatives, it was pushed through Senate and will go to a vote of the entire student body. It was the right move for the future of the organization and the future representation of the student body. The single position creates a proportional representation within Senate.

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**S.W.A.T.**

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Kansas City), and that is one of the things I admire most about him."

In May 2012, D.J. was selected by the Outdoor Channel to be a part of the competition-based reality show "Elite Tactical Unit S.W.A.T." The show is intended to provide the audience a glimpse into the challenges faced by a S.W.A.T. team.

The officer who passed the competitions effectively would receive \$10,000 for himself along with cash and prizes valued at more than \$100,000 for his S.W.A.T. departments they serve for. D.J., however, did not win a cash prize.

"I have always loved competing in everything I have done, whether it is sports or basically anything. It was a good opportunity to test my skill level on a larger scale, and I got

to meet a lot of good people and go to a lot of cool places," D.J. said. "I feel that I represented my department well and my family and community well, so I was proud of that."

Despite moving to Kansas City for his career, D.J. said it was not a difficult transition from Maryville.

"Kansas City is much faster paced and it takes longer to get anywhere around town. I think that I was raised right by my parents, so that helps you get through anything," D.J. said.

Dannen agrees that the transition did not affect how D.J. lives.

"This means to not let your background or your upbringing try to contain you. He lived small-town all his life until moving to KC, and he just did not let that stop him or contain him," Dannen said. "The biggest thing I could say is you could do whatever you want in life, you just got to set your mind to it."

**SENATE**

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the four positions available for freshmen on Student Senate.

Before 2010, Academy students had a separate seat on the Senate specifically for them. However, the 88th Student Senate voted to allow Academy students to hold traditional freshman and sophomore positions in the Senate.

"Another issue is that 93 percent of Academy students leave Northwest after two years, which doesn't do any good for our Student Senate's leadership in the future," Raffety said.

Academy students are not pleased with the decision and believe they contribute just as much to the University as traditional students; therefore, they deserve the same opportunities when running for student government.

"I suspect that there is a bigger issue going on here. Perhaps there is a lack of participation among traditional University students, and someone is threatened by the energy of Academy students," said Cleo Samudzi, dean of the Missouri Academy.

Since the constitution was amended in 2010, Academy students have had more success getting fellow Academy students to go out and vote, which would result in winning elections.

"Average voter turnout is low and being an Academy student, you are in a tight-knit group. When half of the 15 to 20 freshman running for four spots are Academy students, it becomes much easier to get them elected," Raffety said.

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Cleo Samudzi

The Academy argues that the Senate is fixing a problem that is not there.

"What we need to do is look back and see if anything went wrong when Academy positions were not limited. If Academy students were able to understand the issues around campus and the quality of representation was not diminished, then I don't see the rationale behind the decision," Samudzi said.

Northwest students can vote on CATPaws Feb. 13-15 to establish the single position for Academy students on Student Senate.

If passed, Academy students will elect their representative each fall.

The amendment will not affect any Academy students on Senate.

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**PATEL**

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"It's a flash drive that pairs with your phone wirelessly and uses the sensors on that to verify you," Patel said, scooting forward in his chair. "It can use the camera to scan your eye or the GPS chip to get your location to make sure... if you only want your drive to open at work, it will check to make sure you're physically at work."

Like something straight from a James Bond flick, the idea came to Patel after dealing with frustrating external drive verifications.

"I had a flash drive that I kept files on, and I forgot the password to it," he said. "It turns out, the drive literally self-destructs after you've typed the password a few times wrong, and I was like, 'what the heck?' so I lost all my files."

"Then I realized I'm not the only person who has the problem of forgetting passwords, and that's how I thought of BlurPort."

Patel said he does not consider himself a "mad scientist," just a little more tech-savvy than most. He has been taking things apart and putting things together since his Lego days.

"My dad used to encourage me to take apart random stuff in the house and just tell me what everything does," Patel said. "He has an interest in technology and figuring out how everything works too. I think that's what really encouraged me to pursue this."

The 18-year-old said his parents have always been supportive of his hobbies, and they have al-

"Well, I was a little bit of a nerd in high school. I always worked on projects."

Aakash Patel

ways encouraged him to do well in school.

"In high school I was pretty laid back when it came to classes—they were actually my hobby," Patel said. "Some classes were difficult, but not really as they are here. Every single class here is actually a little difficult to me."

"I had to learn how to actually study when I came here."

Patel forewent his junior and senior years of high school to attend the Academy. According to Cleo Samudzi, dean of the Academy, they focus on academic experience and student development.

"The student who comes to the Missouri Academy is a student who is ready and willing to forsake a number of other things, to focus on their studies," Samudzi said. "We have pushed for the last five years for students to do research, and (Aakash) took advantage of that and did it so well."

"For us, that's a major accomplishment to have a student at the Missouri Academy that has been published, and gotten the opportunity a lot of other graduates don't get."

Patel has had two articles published in academic journals, on topics foreign to the vast majority. He has done information

technology consulting for corporations and even done research in theoretical nanophysics. But his project, for now at least, is BlurPort LLC.

Patel does not know yet what is in store for BlurPort, but he has a prototype done and hopes to have it for sale by next week. He said he plans to have it finalized and ready to ship by early to mid-summer.

For Patel, BlurPort is now, but he eventually wants to go to graduate school, study biomedical engineering and own a company in that field.

"It's combining medicine and technology," Patel said. "Like, there's a new technology coming out that will let blind people see again with retinal implants."

"My hobby for technology (drew me to that field), and I wanted to help people, so I realized I could combine those things."

Aakash Patel, by most definitions is a nerd; he goes to class during the day, works on BlurPort in the afternoon and taps into his inner Tony Stark in his free time.

"Well, I was a little bit of a nerd in high school. I always worked on projects," said the young CEO. "I usually have random ideas, and I usually don't think about them too much if it's not unique enough or I can't make money off it even."

"This is the first idea I had that was actually pretty unique and that I could sell to people, so it gave me motivation that way."

## News Briefs: Chili dinner raises funds for local abuse victims

**"We are using this additional money to maintain our scholarship levels..."**

Stacy Carrick

If passed by the state legislature, Northwest would receive over \$1.26 million if it meets the five performance funding targets outlined by Gov. Nixon.

Those targets include continued investment in student success by focusing on recruitment, retention and affordability via scholarships.

Despite the optimism from Gov. Nixon, it is unknown how this higher education spending proposal will be received in the Republican-dominated General Assembly.

"I believe there is a high probability that we will have performance based funding for universities; however, I don't know if it will be at the level Nixon is proposing," Carrick said.

The success of the budget proposal will not be known until the House of Representatives returns at the end of May.

A proposed bill aims at the wallets of people who fail to buckle up in Missouri.

The Center's main objective is to offer shelter for families and individuals who have been abused.

A variety of chilis, soups and deserts will be available at the supper.

Those looking to participate can enjoy the meal for a \$6 donation; children 6 years old and

younger can eat for \$3.

The event will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, at the First Christian Church on West Third Street.

Carry-out order will be made available upon request.

Anyone with questions can direct them to the First Christian Church by calling 660.582.4101.

## Former professor establishes new scholarship

A former Northwest professor and alumna have established a scholarship bequest in their names.

Dwight Maxwell, a former geology professor, and Sandra Maxwell, a Northwest graduate, established the scholarship in hopes of giving something back to the University they have deep roots with, according to a Northwest news

release.

Dwight was the third professor to join the geology department. He served as a faculty member from 1970 to 2000. Sandra graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications disorders in 1981. Additionally, they had two children graduate from Northwest.

Recipients must have reached

sophomore status and have declared a major in the natural sciences department, with preference given to geology majors, who carry at least a 3.0 grade point average.

The bequest is one of the easiest planned gifts to implement, according to the news release. Donors may give any percentage of their estate as a gift to Northwest.

## Proposed bill aims to increase seat-belt fine

A proposed bill aims at the wallets of people who fail to buckle up in Missouri.

Sen. Jo Keaveny, D-St. Louis presented his bill, SB62, to a Senate committee Wednesday.

The bill would increase the \$10 fine for not wearing a seatbelt to

\$50 per violation.

The committee showed no opposition to the bill.

Missouri police cannot pull over drivers who fail to buckle up, but can issue violations to motorists who have been pulled over for another offense. This would

change if the new legislature passed.

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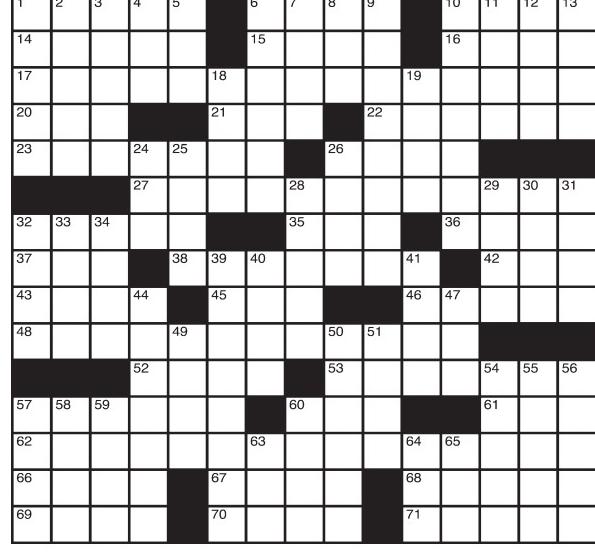
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## Horoscopes:

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Today's Birthday (02/14/13). Pablo Neruda said, "Laughter is the language of the soul." Take this to heart, as springtime romances your schedule with social events. The spotlight is on, so play to the crowd. After June, a career shift leads you in a worthwhile direction. Keep performing, and smile for the cameras.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Quit dilly-dallying, and surrender to your passion. The action is behind the scenes. Confer with family on decisions. Put in the extra effort. Success is within your grasp.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- There's light at the end of the tunnel, but why rush out when you can dance in the dark? Reveal your adorable side. And wear something comfortable.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- It's all about partnership. Rely on your team and get inspired. Share your winnings. Pretend the work is fun, and it will be.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- It's a good time for romantic plans. Grasp an opportunity and you may get a bonus. Make subtle refinements along the way. Be happy with what you have.

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## Students' views on Valentine's Day

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"The early bird gets the worm."

That's junior baseball player Steven Garber's philosophy of Valentine's Day. Whether single or in a relationship, every single Northwest student has an idea or opinion about V-Day.

Garber's approach on Valentine's Day was to get a girl's attention by getting her a gift before the day and standing out as someone who believes he should make a significant other feel special every day.

"I didn't give her anything to consume or flowers that will wilt and die. I got her a good present; it's value won't go away anytime soon," Garber said. "And I already sent it to her."

But what does he think about Valentine's Day?

"Overrated. You don't need a special day to do something special for a girl. You can do it

any day you want," Garber said. And he believes you should.

Sophomore Emily Hintz, who will spend her Valentine's Day single, gave some insight on what V-Day is to her.

"I don't really like Valentine's Day. I think it is a useless holiday where people spend excessive amounts of money on someone who should already know that you care about them," Hintz said. "It shouldn't depend upon an amazing date or extravagant event."

With that being said, Hintz chooses to help make other couples' day special by serving them at Carson's Sports Grille, which is staple for most dates on Valentine's Day.

"I'm working a double on Valentine's Day to help make other people's dates special, not mine," she said.

Regardless of ones feelings toward the day itself, it seems that students still respect the value it has to others.

Juniors Jake Shanahan and

Courtney Morton have been dating for seven years. Obviously, they've had multiple Valentine's Days to spend together; they have some insight what the day means for people who spend almost every day together.

Morton said things have obviously changed as far as V-Day goes since the beginning of their relationship.

"Things change, but you shouldn't lose the romance," Morton said.

However, it is still a day they enjoy together. As far as the day in general, they had their opinions.

"I like Valentine's Day, but it's unnecessary," Morton said. "I think it's a way to make money on chocolate."

Shanahan also mentioned that it is about the relationship and not money spent on the day. He said the money should not matter.

"It's not about spending money but spending time (to-

gether)," Shanahan said.

As far as the day itself, Shanahan and Morton have decided they will enjoy the evening together.

"We'll probably just spend quality time together," Shanahan said.

Morton said there will not be any huge gift, but the thought will still be there.

"I'll probably get him a card and a little something," Morton said.

These four students, all in their own way, will spend their whole day aware of Valentine's Day rituals taking place before their eyes. For two of them, it will be just another day, for the other two, it will be a day to spend with a loved one, both situations that are shared with students all over campus.

## THE STROLLER: Your Man needs a girlfriend

I'm feeling like a party boi without Natty Ice. Like Taylor Swift without an ex to sing about. Like a Super Bowl halftime show (or the Grammys) without cleavage.

I'm done muttering witty observations about the college student species (Pizzaeatings Sweatpantsus) to myself and making seething but accurate comments about the cafeteria to no one in particular. Seriously, the toilet stalls down there have steel-plated walls, like Northwest knows what that stuff will do to you.

I need a woman. But not just any woman. THE woman. And she's here on campus.

The ideal woman comes from what used to be the family and consumer sciences department. You see, her very own department was just sliced and diced like something from a Billy Mays

commercial, so she's looking for love. But wait, there's more. She's probably taking nutrition and dietetics courses, so she's fit like a fox. With all those foods classes, you know she cooks. Oh lordy, she cooks. And because she has classes near or with all the fashionistas with merchandising majors, she dresses well. You won't find this gem of a woman in Uggs, spandex and a sorority T-shirt. See what I mean? Ideal woman.

The ideal woman is probably at home right now, watching "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" re-runs or reading an actual book. Or she's listening to my all-time-favorite greatest hits album, the Foo Fighters' "The Best, The Best, The Best, The Best of Foo."

All I need now is a pick-up line. Maybe, "Girl, you can call me Aladine because of the way I'm about to screw you." Or this

one that for some reason never seems to work at Molly's: "Hey, I'm bisexual. I'd like to BUY you a drink, then get sexual."

See, this is the juvenile hogwash that's keeping the fairer sex away in the first place. I'll never have panache on a Clark Gable level, or the likeable charm of Macaulay Culkin before he started to look like an older Steve Buscemi. (I know what I said.).

But that's not my purpose. I'm here to piss people off. So you'll hate me. Because I can take it. Because I'm not your hero. I'm a silent watcher, a cynical bastard. A dark knight. Happy Valentine's Day.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

## The Postal Service debut new song

### COREY FROM

Features Editor | @morfyeroc

Ten years since its debut, The Postal Service has announced its reissuing for the anniversary of its debut album, and only release to date, "Give Up." It plans to tour and is re-releasing a deluxe edition including remixes, demos, and two previously unreleased/new tracks for fans to enjoy. This is the first of two that have been made available for fans to hear.

As far as the track goes, it does not step into any uncharted territory. It is not exactly what one would expect to hear, but is still familiar to "Give Up."

For those who don't know, Dntel's Jimmy Tamborello brings the beat and musicality to The Postal Service. In this track the very similar up-tempo beat holds the ground for the song, with a low-end bass line that keeps it going. He adds some ecstatic synth parts that go well with the song; the only issue is it doesn't come in till the last minute of the song. The rest of the song's high-

end is filled with guitar chords that make it more Death Cab for Cutie than Dntel.

The sound of the song also disappointingly strays away from the atmospheric tendencies that were very prevalent on "Give Up." That gave the album a full sound, and made the production on the album seem more focused.

As for lead singer Ben Gibbard's vocals, they're also a little more Death Cab in this track. Vocal effects, which were essential in most of "Give Up," are all but absent, besides some reverberation and delay.

Lyrically, it hits head on for Postal Service.

"And you said 'every time we kissed, I felt something that couldn't exist' and I confessed that I thought I felt it too," reminds one of ideas that were in songs like "Such Great Heights" or "The District Sleeps Alone Tonight."

"I am thinking it's a sign that the freckles in our eyes are mirror images and when we kiss they're perfectly aligned."



That's Gibbard's focus in most songs, simple songs about love and romance. But with the Postal Service, he's more positive, contrary to Death Cab.

We will see what the last unreleased track brings. This one will probably have to be a grower, but it is quite nice to hear new Postal Service.



**Song: A Tattered Line of String**  
**Artist: The Postal Service**  
**Label: Sub Pop**

### Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis ft. Wanz – "Thrift Shop"
2. Bruno Mars – "Locked Out of Heaven"
3. will.i.am & Britney Spears – "Scream & Shout"
4. The Lumineers – "Ho Hey"
5. Taylor Swift – "I Knew You Were Trouble"

### Billboard Top 200

1. Justin Bieber – "Believe: Acoustic"
2. Andrea Bocelli – "Passione"
3. Tegan & Sara – "Heartthrob"
4. Charlie Wilson – "Love, Charlie"
5. Pitch Perfect Soundtrack

## WHAT'S HOT

### "Harlem Shake"

This song has sparked a series of Internet meme videos that could be the new "Gangnam Style."

### Justin Timberlake

JT's performance at the Grammys has got people anticipating his upcoming album release.

### Gamstop

Nerds of Maryville rejoice with Gamstop coming to town soon.

## WHAT'S NOT

### Olympic Wrestling

Cutting Olympic Wrestling in 2020 has pissed off a lot of people.

### Rihanna

The red lipstick at the Grammys was too much.

### Tests

The first week of tests is upon us, and studying is a drag.

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KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman sprinter Desmand Jackson practices the 100-meter dash Wednesday at Bearcat Stadium. Northwest will compete at the Husker Tune-Up Friday in Lincoln, Neb.

## Track prepares for MIAA meet

**ALEX RASH**

Associate Editor | @AlexandriaRash

The Northwest track team has one meet remaining to work on its craft before the MIAA Indoor Championships in Warrensburg.

The Bearcats will head to the Husker Tune-Up Friday in Lincoln, Neb.

"One of the things we're really looking for this week is for some kids to kind of come out, show us what they're made of, push real hard and get some good times in before conference," graduate assistant Jay Petsch said.

Petsch said on top of giving the team, as a whole, a chance to highlight its talents, he hopes to see junior pole vaulter Will Haer use the upcoming meet to push himself higher on the national list.

Haer recorded a career-high pole vault of 16-1.25 meters at the Concordia Classic Jan. 28.

"It would be really nice to see Will get the jumps that he is capable of," Petsch said. "We've been missing little techniques here and there. I think he can go 16-5 (meters) plus and be one of the top competitors on the national list."

Petsch also expressed high hopes for hurdlers senior Tyler Shaw and junior Travis Manning, hoping both athletes get beneath 8.05 in the 60-meter hurdles.

Shaw, who earned a NCAA provisional mark in the Iowa City Invitational Jan. 28 for the 200-meter dash, recorded a 7.97 in the 60-meter hurdles in 2011 as a personal best.

Graduate assistant Joey Nunes said the Bearcats will face many MIAA teams on Friday that they will be seeing again during the conference meet.

Nunes said on top of the athletes pushing themselves physically, one goal is for the team to push itself mentally.

"The biggest thing we're trying to get is a lot of heart out of athletes," Nunes said. "Right now, we have a lot of really good athletes, and they all have a lot of good potential, but it's just about having the heart and desire to get to that next level."

"Hopefully, this weekend we can get people motivated and out of their comfort zone to just dive off that cliff and push themselves to attain those things that they are capable of attaining."

cent No. 3 guy in Jeremy Guthrie. While he isn't worth three years and \$25 million, he is good for 12 wins and a sub-4.00 ERA.

Guthrie has played for bad teams nearly his entire career, and the win-loss column shows it. His career ERA is 4.28, but he has become a more consistent pitcher in recent years.

The final two spots in the rotation will be fought for in spring training and throughout the year, for that matter, but I like Wade Davis at No. 4 to start the season.

Davis put together two average seasons for the Rays at the back end of the rotation in 2010 and 2011 before working from the

bullpen in 2012.

He is now 27 years old and should enter his prime as a major league pitcher, meaning he should approach 10-12 wins (if he remains in the rotation) and crack a 3.90 ERA.

The organization's golden boy, Luke Hochevar, will find a spot in the rotation to start the year, barring injury. While he should slot in at no higher than No. 5, I'm scared he may leap to No. 3 or 4.

Manager Ned Yost and general manager Dayton Moore are still the only two people in the Midwest who believe in Hochevar, which is enough for him to stay out of the 'pen on Opening Day.

## Sports Brief:

# Northwest athletics to raise cash for local breast cancer survivors

The Northwest athletic department announced Tuesday that the women's basketball team would continue its annual battle against breast cancer.

The Bearcats will play their annual Pink Zone game Feb. 20 when they host Missouri Western with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m.

In recent years, the fundraisers were geared toward helping local cancer survivors, and Northwest stuck with that pattern again

this season.

Money raised will go to two Northwest employees' families, the Mannasmith and Jacobsen families.

Pink Zone shirts will be on sale during the Bearcats' next two home games for \$15.

The custom jerseys worn by Northwest during the game will also be sold through assistant coach Kristen Mattio by advanced purchase.

## FACILITIES

CONTINUED FROM A12

"Getting our own facility would really benefit not only us but also the future of getting people to come play here for Bearcat baseball, softball or any other spring sport that could really use a new facility."

A facilities upgrade is a possibility, but athletic director Wren Baker said some of Northwest's MIAA competition has already begun to upgrade.

"From a purely athletic perspective, Pitt's building one, Western has one," Baker said. "Hays is building one, and there are two or three other schools that are talking about it."

"We are the farthest north of all of those schools. So from an athletic perspective, I think for us to remain highly competitive, it's gonna be really important."

Baker said the University is looking to develop a new indoor activities center through the next capital campaign.

Baker said University officials are speaking to an architect who could meet with students and coaches to throw out project ideas.

New indoor athletic facilities would benefit more than just student athletes, hosting activities for all students that could include anything from laser tag to boat and RV shows.

Loe said an upgrade could benefit the baseball program in many ways, one of them being the ability to recruit prospects.

"I've always said that there are two things when playing baseball: you either need scholarship money or facilities," Loe said. "If you have one or the other, you can be highly competitive in a league, but if you have both, that's where your championships come from. So it's definitely something I'm excited to address and get going on and be a part of those discussions in the future."

Baker, like Loe, said he realizes the benefits to such a facility when it comes to helping a team that went 18-32 last season.

"Without a doubt, facilities affect recruiting," Baker said. "High school kids are very much into what they can see and what feels big-time. If they weren't, Oregon wouldn't have 150 different uniform combinations. That stuff is important."

get-go and Aaron Crow and Tim Collins slotted for the eighth inning, KC will close out games with efficiency. The middle relief spots are still largely up for grabs, minus the what-should-be-guaranteed share for fireballer Kelvin Herrera.

All in all, the Royals improved enough to compete with the Chicago White Sox as the second-best staff in the Central behind Detroit.

While we still have spring training to iron out the details, one thing is certain: I'm going to celebrate like a true American and skip class next Thank-God-It's-Ball-Season Day.

## NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

### MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays	15-6	9-4
Central Mo.	15-6	9-4
Washburn	15-5	8-4
Northeastern State	16-6	9-5
Lindenwood	15-6	8-5
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>15-7</b>	<b>8-5</b>
Central Oklahoma	10-11	8-5
Pitt. St.	14-7	7-6
Mo. Southern	11-10	6-7
Southwest Baptist	8-13	6-7
Emporia St.	10-10	5-7
Mo. Western	9-12	5-8
Truman	7-14	4-9
Nebraska-Kearney	6-15	3-10
Lincoln (Mo.)	3-20	2-11

### February 14:

Southwest Baptist at Truman

### February 16:

Washburn at NORTHWEST  
Southwest Baptist at Lindenwood  
Northeastern State at Pitt. St.  
Lincoln (Mo.) at Central Mo.

## NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Washburn	17-3	11-1
Central Mo.	19-2	11-2
Northeastern State	16-6	11-3
Emporia St.	14-6	9-3
Truman	16-5	9-4
Fort Hays	16-5	8-5
Pitt. St.	14-7	8-5
Mo. Western	13-8	6-7
Mo. Southern	11-10	5-8
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>11-10</b>	<b>5-8</b>
Lincoln (Mo.)	9-12	4-9
Southwest Baptist	9-12	4-9
Nebraska-Kearney	6-14	3-10
Central Oklahoma	9-11	2-11
Lindenwood	4-17	1-12

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## MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

### MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Lafayette	18-3	5-0
Cameron	14-7	4-1
Smithville	16-6	3-2
<b>MARYVILLE</b>	<b>16-6</b>	<b>4-3</b>
Benton	6-16	3-4
Bishop LeBlond	6-10	2-10
Chillicothe	7-12	1-3
Savannah	6-17	0-6

### February 15:

Savannah at MARYVILLE  
Cameron at Chillicothe  
Lafayette at Smithville  
Benton at Bishop LeBlond

## MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

### MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Benton	16-5	5-0
Smithville	16-4	4-1
Bishop LeBlond	13-7	4-1
Lafayette	15-5	4-2
Cameron	15-8	3-3
Savannah	6-11	2-4
Chillicothe	9-14	1-4
<b>MARYVILLE</b>	<b>6-16</b>	<b>0-8</b>

### February 14:

MARYVILLE at Savannah  
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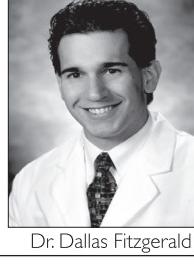
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HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Treyton Burch makes a move around a Benton defender on Feb. 8. The Spooftounds defeated the Cardinals 69-27 at home.

## Boys win last game before district play

**CRAIG SIMS**

Chief Sports Reporter | @TheCowboyCraig

Maryville's undefeated home record will be put to the test one more time before districts when it faces a big rival.

The Spooftounds face Savannah starting at 5:30 Friday night to look toward their sixth win at home this season.

This will be the third time the two teams have faced each other this season, with the Savages getting the most recent win on Jan. 18.

With all of these factors playing into the final game before districts begin next week, head coach Mike Kuwitzky says his team is focused on the 'one game at time' approach.

"We need to get back on the winning track and get ready to win a ball game," Kuwitzky said. "We need to get ready for districts, so we need to start playing better. We are gonna take it one game at a time. Let's start preparing for districts by playing well Friday night. I'm hoping to see us play good

basketball, both offensively and defensively, make improvements as a team and really try to work on some of the things we didn't do well against them last time, like work against their zone."

The 'Hounds enter Friday's game coming off a 53-42 loss to Cameron Monday.

"They shot so well," Kuwitzky said. "They got off to a great start scoring. They just came out on fire. You have to play really well against them because they are a really good team. We didn't play our best, and if you don't play your best, you're not going to win."

Senior guard Jonathan Baker led the Spooftounds with 18 points, going a perfect five-for-five at the free-throw line.

Other high scorers were senior forward Tyler Kenkel with nine points and senior guard Treyton Burch with six points.

The Spooftounds are the No. 2 seed and will face the No. 7 seed, Plattsburg, starting at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday at Bishop LeBlond.

## Girls break 10-game losing skid

**CRAIG SIMS**

Chief Sports Reporter | @TheCowboyCraig

The 10 game losing streak that plagued the Maryville girls' basketball team is no more.

Tuesday night, facing Nebraska City (Neb.) at home, the Spooftounds found a spark of offense from junior Chelsea Byland and senior Blair Twaddle to give the 'Hounds the 48-36 win.

Byland finished with 21 points, dropping three three-pointers in the third quarter that helped open up Maryville's lead.

Twaddle scored 13 points, 12 of which came in the first half.

"We got some of those easy baskets in the third quarter, and I thought from there we just relaxed a little bit," head coach Grant Hageman said. "Once we got some breathing room, I thought we had all the confidence in the world, and the momentum kept going our way. When you have confidence shooting, it's contagious."

"These girls work so hard, in season and out of season. We have had a lot of close games not go our way. So it's good, obviously, for moral. You have to come back and practice a little bit harder the next day after that."

The Spooftounds (6-17, 0-8 MEC) move on to face Savannah in their last regular season game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Savannah.

"I think we have to build on the fact that it's been a process this year," Hageman said. "Each game out we have played better, played together and we just focus on playing well."

"We have to go to Savannah and handle their pressure and continue to guard like we did tonight. If we face adversity, we gotta make sure



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior forward Chelsey McMichael battles through contact Tuesday night against Nebraska City (Neb.). McMichael finished with four points.

we don't lay down."

After Savannah, the Spooftounds start district play against the No. 1 seed Penney High School

at 7:15 p.m. Monday at Bishop LeBlond High School.

Maryville lost to Penney 57-20 at Hamilton on Dec. 18.

## Wrestling team advances 4 through district tournament to state meet

**ELI WELLMAN**

Missouri Reporter

Four Spooftound wrestlers will go for a state title this weekend after a strong tournament in Bethany.

Thanks to solid performances at districts, 126 pound sophomore Nate Alexander, 145 pound senior Derek Stiens, 152 pound junior Dane Hull and sophomore heavyweight Bren-

dan Waybrew advanced to state.

Head coach Joe Drake said experience is important when wrestling at the state tournament.

"There is no real way to prepare them for it until you actually walk out on the mat for the first time and you hear all the noise," Drake said. "There's eight mats going. There is just no way to prepare them for that. You can talk to them and try to de-

scribe it, but you just have to experience that."

Drake is not surprised with the way the district tournament turned out.

"We wrestled pretty well that day," Drake said. "We had two other boys that were one match away from qualifying, so we felt pretty good about that. Everyone wrestled pretty much how we expected, so we had

no big disappointments from the districts."

Waybrew was the only 'Hound who won every match at districts. After a bye in the first round, Waybrew pinned his next three opponents, cruising to a first-place finish in his bracket, and is heading to state with a 38-3 record.

Alexander and Stiens won four out of the five matches they wrestled

on their way to qualifying for state while Hull finished the day with three wins.

"Overall, I'm happy with the way the boys wrestled," Drake said. "Anytime you can get four wrestlers to the state tournament, you had a successful district tournament."

The Missouri State Wrestling Tournament begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at Mizzou Arena.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### BEARCATS

#### DeAngelo Hailey



Senior guard DeAngelo Hailey finished with 23 and 12 points in losses to Fort Hays State and Washburn, respectively. Hailey also pulled down seven boards against the Tigers.

#### Maggie Marnin



Sophomore center Maggie Marnin shot 8-for-12 from the field Saturday in a 64-53 loss to Washburn, compiling three rebounds and a game-high 17 points.

### SPOOFHOUNDS

#### Derek Stiens



After winning 3-of-4 matches at the district tournament at 145-pound, senior Derek Stiens advanced to the wrestle in the state tournament at Mizzou Arena Thursday.

#### Chelsea Byland



Junior guard Chelsea Byland led the Spooftound basketball team to a skid-snapping victory Tuesday behind a 21-point effort, defeating Benton 48-36.

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Sophomore pitcher Pat Brady delivers a pitch last year. The Bearcats opened this season at 0-3 following a sweep from Arkansas-Monticello.

## Baseball swept during 1st weekend in Arkansas

**CRAIG SIMS**

Chief Sports Reporter | @TheCowboyCraig

Northwest baseball head coach Darin Loe described last weekend's first set of games against Arkansas-Monticello as being filled with ups and downs.

"We did see some good things at times, just didn't see enough of them," Loe said. "Our starting pitching especially kind of put us in a hole. We didn't start any of the games real strong, and that's a key going in."

"We play as well as we pitch. That goes for all baseball teams. We need to stay in ball games, clean up and throw more strikes. Everything will fall in place after that."

Falling in a 7-0 hole early, the 'Cats were unable to mount a

comeback, losing 19-7.

Game No. 1 in Saturday's double-header saw Northwest battle back to take a 7-6 lead in the top of the seventh inning.

The Bearcats were unable to hold the lead, however, losing 8-7 thanks to a walk-off double from the Bull Weevils.

Northwest fell to Monticello 11-1 in Saturday's second game.

After leaving Arkansas without a win, Loe said his team has to be more aggressive at the plate and get off to a hot start when they head to Tahlequah, Oklahoma this weekend.

The first of three MIAA conference games between the Bearcats and Northeastern State begins at 1 p.m. Saturday in Tahlequah, Okla.

ed Saint Mary in each game of their double-header.

The 'Cats recorded a combined total of 30 hits in their 11-3 and 10-2 victories over the Spires.

Senior pitcher Jenna Creger, the all-time strikeout leader at Northwest, got the win in game one. She struck out seven without surrendering an earned run through four in-

## Women's basketball to play pivotal conference games at home

**JOEY TUCKER**

Chief Sports Reporter | @joetuck325

Northwest women's basketball looks to get back on the winning track with consecutive conference games at Bearcat Arena.

These games will be crucial as the Bearcats find themselves on a three-game slide, falling to 11-10 overall and 5-8 in MIAA play.

With the regular season coming to a close and the battle for MIAA postseason play at its pinnacle, the 'Cats sense of urgency is peaking, head coach Mark Kellogg said.

"Hopefully, shots fall a little bit more," Kellogg said. "I'd like to see us play with a kind of renewed passion and energy and excitement, see if we can't close, get a little momentum going either into the conference tournament, into the spring, even into next year."

Northwest has followed a pattern of floundering halftime leads this season, losing to Fort Hays State last week despite having the advantage at the break.

"We're playing with people for 30 minutes, 35 minutes, 25 minutes; we're just not putting the whole thing together," Kellogg said.

Following the loss at Fort Hays, the Bearcats fell to No. 6 Washburn on the road last weekend. Although they shot 64 percent from the field in the second half, 24 turnovers was too much to overcome for the 'Cats in a 64-53 loss.

Sophomore forward Maggie Marin led all scorers with 17 points.

Northwest could avenge its last two losses with rematches against the Tigers and Ichabods this week.

Washburn comes in touting the No. 4 ranked defense in the nation, holding opponents to 51.3 points per



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Annie Mathews battles a Northeastern State defender in the post during a 67-64 win Jan. 31. The Bearcats have four regular season games left.

game. The Ichabods went on a run of four straight games, holding opponents under 50 points before the

'Cats put up 53.

Northwest plays Washburn at 5:30 Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

## Softball looks to carry successful weekend into regional tournament

**JOEY TUCKER**

Chief Sports Reporter | @joetuck325

Following a successful start to the season, Northwest softball will travel to Bentonville, Ark. to square off in a competitive regional tournament.

The Bearcats are coming off a weekend where they handily defeat-

ed Saint Mary in each game of their double-header.

The 'Cats recorded a combined total of 30 hits in their 11-3 and 10-2 victories over the Spires.

Senior pitcher Jenna Creger, the all-time strikeout leader at Northwest, got the win in game one. She struck out seven without surrendering an earned run through four in-

nings of work.

"Hopefully... we got some confidence going, and we're able to get some of those bugs out early to go face a little bit better competition," head coach Ryan Anderson said.

"All the pitchers were able to throw and get outs and get out of situations."

Northwest will look to build on

the strong start when it squares off in the Arkansas-Monticello 7-State Classic. The 'Cats will play six schools from Feb. 15 through Feb. 17.

The Bearcats found success in the same tournament last year, going 5-1.

"The thing I think we have going for us is we have so many seniors that want to play and want to com-

pete," Anderson said.

"We have to come out with the same approach as we did last week... Looking to hit the ball, have good at bats. Pitchers hit their spots, find locations and minimize their pitches."

The Bearcats will battle Concordia St. Paul in their first matchup of the tournament. First pitch is scheduled for noon Friday.

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Redshirt sophomore catcher Luke Lawyer takes batting practice under the dim lights in the basement of Lamkin Activity Center as his teammates look for room to take swings. Northwest has had limited field time as it begins its season.



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The Northwest baseball team stretches before an indoor practice on Monday. The 'Cats started 0-3 for the season for the second straight season.

## Spring sports seek facility renovations

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Surrounded by concrete pillars and walls somewhere in the basement of the Lamkin Activity Center lie three batting cages.

This is where the Northwest baseball and softball teams practice.

The Bearcats make due with this indoor facility as they prepare for the first part of their season.

Sometimes they can practice in the limited gym space above, where players throw longtoss with rubber balls to prevent damaging the basketball court.

The team has had limited access to its field leading up to the second weekend of games, which comes as no surprise to anyone familiar with Maryville's weather in January and February.

Head coach Darin Loe said he believes an upgraded indoor facility could benefit the team in many ways.

"We put guys into competitive situations," Loe said. "But if you had that indoor facility where you could

almost scrimmage in there, even if it's just an infield scrimmage, you could see where the ball flies. You could see if it's a fly ball, line drive or ground ball."

"You'd probably have the same swing. But it certainly gives you more confidence, and that early-season confidence is very important."

The baseball team is not the only spring sport that has to work around schedules that come with using the facility.

The softball team, indoor track and field team, tennis — all spring sports — use the same facility at one point or another, working to share space and time.

Senior outfielder Jon Pomatico said that the state of the indoor facility has its pros and cons.

"It's good, compared to a lot of other places, but it definitely could get better," Pomatico said. "Our batting cages are a little outdated, and everything down here seems a little cramped because this is where the rest of the athletes are."

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## Bearcats get pair of 2nd chances at home

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After dropping two MIAA games on the road last week, Northwest looks for a change of fortune as it faces the same two teams this week at home.

The Bearcats missed their final three shots while trailing by one to lose to Fort Hays State on Feb. 6.

Senior guard DeAngelo Hailey hit a three-pointer to take a two-point lead with 1:26 remaining, but Fort Hays responded with its own three just 16 seconds later and closed out the contest.

Hailey finished with a game-high 23 points and six rebounds.

Sophomore forward Grant Cozad added 16 points and two rebounds in the losing effort.

The rematch with Fort Hays took place Wednesday, but results were not available as of press time. Before the rematch with Fort Hays, head coach Ben McCollum said the lack of size up front has led to a different style of defense.

"You can't give them easy buckets in transition like we did last time," McCollum said. "I think outside of that, our defense is geared more to causing turnovers because we are so small. We are trapping a little bit more, extending it a little more, and that's just what we have to do because we have a 6'2" four man."

On Feb. 9 the 'Cats were blown out by Washburn, 80-76, with the Ichabods leading by more than 20 points for most of the second half.

"We just need to compete, stay with our fundamentals and our basics defensively, which

I don't think we did a good of against Washburn," McCollum said. "Also, we need to figure out a way to score. We aren't exactly putting the ball into the basket right now, and it really hurts your defense when you don't score. We will have to tweak a few things, and once we tweak it, we will get Dillon (Starzl) back."

"(I thought) against Northeastern we scored enough by putting in a few isolos and little drive plays that worked great. The problem is that people scout you then they take those away. It's what happened against Washburn."

The lone bright spot for Northwest in the defeat was freshman guard Kyler Erickson, who scored 17 points in just 16 minutes of cleanup time.

"He was a one-man wrecking crew the other night," McCollum said. "When it's loose like that, you have to take it for what it's worth. He was really good, and I thought he played with a lot of heart offensively and defensively. I think 17 points in 16 minutes is a pretty far-fetched thing to do throughout a whole game."

"When it gets real loose and people are afraid to foul you because they were up 20 points, I think that happens. In saying that, he still had to make some plays, and he made excellent plays and played with a lot of heart."

Cozad, once again, picked up the scoring load in the post with 13 points and five rebounds.

The Bearcats have five games remaining in the regular season and trail by one game in the MIAA standings. They have the schedule on their side with four



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard Bryston Williams battles through a Northeastern defender on Jan. 31. The Bearcats defeated the RiverHawks 73-72.

of their games coming in the comfines of Bearcat Arena.

Fort Hays is tied atop the MIAA standings with Central Missouri at 15-6, 9-4.

Washburn stands alone in second place at 15-5, 8-4.

"It's good, especially with our schedule," McCollum said. "I would like to be better off right now, but there's nothing you can

do about it right now. We are just looking forward, and now it's a five-game season. We have to get after it."

"I think for us, our expectation is, regardless of what happens, you need to be able to win championships."

Northwest tips off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at home against Washburn.

## Royals raise expectations for rotation

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People all over the United States mistreated the wonderful holiday that took place Feb. 11.

Pitchers and catchers reported to camp Monday to get the 2013 Major League Baseball season underway.

The pitching staff reporting to Surprise, Ariz. for the Kansas City Royals is far improved from the one that showed up last year, but still isn't what KC fans hoped it would be.

At the top of the rotation sits James Shields, and while the way Kansas City acquired him still raises questions, his track record the last three seasons doesn't.

Big-Game James is a legitimate ace, especially in the AL Central, which lacks top-end pitching outside of the Motor City.

Look for Shields to reach the 15-win plateau comfortably with an ERA hovering around 2.90 in pitcher-friendly Kauffman Stadium.

At the No. 2 spot in the rotation will be Ervin Santana, whom Kansas City picked up in late October from the Los Angeles Angels for a minor-leaguer.

Santana is inconsistent, especially for a pitcher this high in a team's rotation. While Santana will deliver flashes of brilliance, he will also display some Hochevar-ness every once in a while.

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